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## TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG, March 17th, 1882.

The Act incorporating the Saskatchewan & Peace River Railway Company has been amended requiring work to be commenced in two years and finished in eight or the charter to be forfeited.

The report of the Department of the Interior gives the revenue as more than double that of the previous year. Nine million acres of land were laid out in townships.

Surveyors are to operate in the Bow River, Battleford and Edmonton districts this year. The report recommends the abandonment of Ft. Walsh.

Strong efforts are being made to have the South-eastern Railway charter disallowed.

BATTLEFORD, March 16th, 1882.

The western mail arrived on Sunday evening, the 12th inst. Eastern arrived on Wednesday night, 15th. Western left this morning, eastern still here owing to some blunder. The passengers are still here, but expect to get off to-morrow morning. A doctor and a lawyer are among them, and Mr. Anderson, son of Mr. Thos. Anderson, Crown Timber agent, Edmonton. Mr. Dunlop is also among them. The party all look well.

Mr. Davidson, of the H.B.Co., from Carlton, is in town on a business visit. He expects to be here two or three weeks.

Inspector Antrobus, N.W.M.P., left here this morning for Prince Albert on a trip of inspection to that post.

The land between the two rivers here has been all taken up for four or five miles west from the junction of the rivers, and several buildings are now being erected.

A concert will be given in a few days by the members of the N.W.M. Police in aid of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Weather has been fine up to yesterday morning, when a snow storm set in, and has been snowing ever since. There is about ten inches more than any time this winter. Wind south-east; mild.

It is reported that we are going to have a mail every two weeks, or two mails monthly.

HUMBOLDT, 17th March, 1882.

A. Dunlop, Dr. Munro, M. McLeod and several other gentlemen, in company with the mail, passed by here on Saturday last on their way to Edmonton. They arrived at Duck Lake on Sunday night.

Sixty or more sleigh loads of freight passed by here this week, some of which was for Prince Albert, but the greater portion was bacon for Carlton.

Roads bad; weather stormy.

FT. Pelly, 16th March, 1882.

Weather soft during past week. Last night heavy snow storm from south-west.

Chief Factor McDonald, of the H.B.Co., Ft. Ellice, arrived at Pelly last Monday.

An Indian wanted to carve his wife up the other day because she was reaching for the bread plate too often. He made an attempt to cut her ears off, but that did not work, and the last time she reached he came down on her arm, cutting it in such shape as to render it useless.

DONALD McLEOD left for Bow River on Monday last. The outfit which he has sent comprises about \$7,000 worth of goods.

THE Pigeon Lake Indians held a council last week, the subject for consideration being the scarcity of grub. They did not come to any definite conclusion at the meeting, but are coming into the agency here by twos and threes to see what the Government will do for them.

DR. MUNRO, A. Dunlop, of the BULLETIN, M. McLeod, of Little Mountain, Mr. Anderson, son of T. Anderson, Crown timber agent here, Mr. Brodin and another gentleman whose profession is that of a lawyer, but whose name we are unable to learn, left Battleford yesterday morning by stage, bound for Edmonton.

## LOCAL.

THE H.B.Co. Peace River packet left on Wednesday last.

MR. E. CAREY has been very ill lately of a disease of the throat.

A SMALL train of sleds arrived from Bow River on Thursday last with freight for the H. B. Co.

REV. MR. STEINHAUS, of Whitefish Lake, will hold service in the Methodist church here on Sunday forenoon next in English, and in the afternoon in Cree.

HAVING heard a rumor to the effect that Mr. L. George has failed to prosecute us and others on account of a compromise that we have made with him, we hereby deny having made any such compromise, and declare that we believe the reason that he did not proceed against us was because the feeling of the community was decidedly against any such action being taken by him.

F. D. WILSON,  
A. W. KIPPEN,  
THOS. ANDERSON,  
D. R. FRASER.

At the magistrate's court, held in the H.B. Co. office, on Thursday, Capt. Gagnon, J. P., presiding, an examination was made in the case of Jas. Campbell, charged with stealing a two-year old colt from C. A. Adams, of Sturgeon River. It was proved, on behalf of the prosecution, that the colt belonged to Adams, and that Campbell had found it on the prairie and sold it to Lang for \$40. It was proved, in defence, that Campbell had purchased the colt from Labelle, believing it to be his. The case was dismissed after a severe reprimand to Campbell from the magistrate, warning him to be more careful in future about the ownership of horses that he might find running loose. It was finally agreed, among the parties interested, that Adams should take the horse, Labelle to relinquish all claim to it and settle with Campbell, and Campbell to pay back to Lang the money he had received.

FOR some time past, Mr. L. George has been threatening to prosecute some of those concerned in the wreckage of his building on the 6th of February last. At first it was reported that so many were to be arrested that it would be impossible to find bail for them, but after the entering of the action by Kippen and McDonald against Bammerman, that idea was given up and the number reduced to nine. Further complications were likely to occur and the number was further reduced to six. When matters had reached this stage, Capt. Gagnon, with whom the complaint was laid, informed George that as he was an alien, and there was reason to believe that he intended leaving the country, if any of those prosecuted demanded it he would be obliged to find bail to a large amount for his appearance at the court in June. George lost a good deal of valuable time in looking up the necessary security, but apparently without success, for at last he went to Capt. Gagnon and informed him that he would not enter a complaint against any one at present, but would wait until the sitting of the court in June.

## METEOROLOGICAL.

Weather report for week ending Thursday evening, 16th March, 1882. Reported for the BULLETIN by Mr. Geo. Slack Wood, observer at Edmonton.

	Max.	Min.
Friday,	24	-25
Saturday,	52	27
Sunday,	17	16
Monday,	23	12
Tuesday,	26	0
Wednesday,	27	19
Thursday,	31	14

Barometer rising.

Nearly three inches of snow fell on Monday, one and a half inches on Tuesday and two inches Thursday. Highest wind occurred Thursday night, recording sixteen miles per hour. Approximately eighteen inches snow on the ground.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE on the Fraser estate. Apply to

J. LAKE.

A PUBLIC MEETING of the residents of Edmonton, Ft. Saskatchewan and St. Albert is hereby called for Thursday evening next at half-past six o'clock, in the public school house, Edmonton, for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the tenure of land in this district, with the object of bringing the matter directly to the attention of the Dominion Government.

BUTTER BOWLS at Frank Oliver's.

HORSE FOUND—At Long Lake, of a bay color. Has been in the neighborhood for nearly a year, is sick and poor, and is now in charge of the undersigned. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take him away. For full particulars apply at BULLETIN office or to

SKENE-KEOW,  
Long Lake.

CANADIAN ALMANAC for 1882 at

FRANK OLIVER'S.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between John Norris and Donald McLeod, under the firm of Norris & Co., was this day dissolved by mutual consent. Donald McLeod is authorized to settle all debts due to and by the company.

(Signed,)

JOHN NORRIS,  
DONALD McLEOD.

Edmonton, 7th March, 1882.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

OUTRAGES in Ireland will continue. THE Battleford Indians have been vaccinated.

A PAPER has been started at Brandon called the Sun.

A town plot has been laid out at Ft. Ellice, named Colville.

THE Nova Scotian railways are to be handed over to a syndicate.

MR. T. COLLINS has been re-elected Mayor of Portage la Prairie.

THE Czar is afraid to appear in public, even at religious ceremonies.

THERE are now 70,000 claims for fixing fair rent in the Irish land court.

THE Winnipeg & Hudson's Bay Railway looks to New York for capital.

THE Dominion Bank of Lower Canada has established a branch in Winnipeg.

THE channel of the St. Lawrence, at Montreal, is to be deepened to 27 1-2 feet.

RAILROAD freights from Chicago to the seaboard are ten cents per hundred pounds.

THE Northern Pacific, and not the C.P.R., is to build the Vancouver Island railway.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, was flooded in January last. Immense damage has been done.

THE Primitive Methodist Colonization Society will locate in the Qu'Appelle Valley. Good.

It is said that Gladstone has asked the assistance of the Pope to allay the discontent in Ireland.

THE Herald says that a lumbering institution is to be started at Green Lake, north of Carlton.

A terrible financial panic occurred in Paris in January, resulting in many suicides. The end is not yet.

THE Northern Pacific Company are likely to lose their land grant. Wish the C.P.R. was in the same fix.

THE annual sale of pews in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, recently, realized \$38,000, a decrease of \$1,000.

THE Herald says that a party of land grabbers, bound for Edmonton, passed Ft. Ellice on the 16th of January.

THE estate of the late James McKay, near Winnipeg, consisting of 240 acres, was sold recently for \$500 an acre.

THE Perry survey party left Qu'Appelle on the 3rd of January to locate a crossing of the C.P.R. on the South Branch.

THE C.P.R. will not at present be constructed to Sault Ste. Marie. The Ontario Sault line will be pushed through with all speed.

THE C. P. R. bridge across the Assiniboine at Brandon is well under way. It will be 336 feet long, with a 200 foot swing.

THE settlers on Manitoba school lands are sending a deputation to Ottawa to urge a consideration of their rights on the Government.

THE Charlottetown New Era says it is confidently expected that the Bank of Prince Edward Island will resume business shortly after the meeting of the shareholders.

THE Quebec Government has abandoned the lottery scheme for raising funds. They might as well have employed gangs of three-card monte men on poker sharps.

THE depositors of the Bank of Prince Edward Island have agreed to accept the offer made by the Bank of the repayment of the principal with four per cent. interest in three equal annual instalments.

REVOLUTIONARY placards have been posted at Kingston, Jamaica. There is a feeling in favor of annexation to the United States. Governmental mismanagement and consequent high taxation is the cause.

THE pay of the hands on the Quebec Government railway has been reduced from \$1 to 50 cents a day. This caused a strike. The management then issued a circular stating that any application for an increase of pay would be considered as a tender of resignation.

SMALL-POX has broken out in Indiana.

THE Indian offices at Shoal Lake have been closed.

It is estimated that there are at present over 50,000 troops in Ireland.

THE travel between Winnipeg and St. Paul is double that of last year.

PROF. MACGOWAN is writing an extensive work on the North-West Territories.

AN indignation meeting, on the Mormon question, was held in Chicago lately.

GOOD progress is being made with the Broadway street traffic bridge in Winnipeg.

A traffic bridge across the Assiniboine is to be built near Brandon, at a cost of \$25,000.

THERE will be a tunnel 1,300 feet in length near Duluth on the Duluth & Winnipeg railway.

WINNIPEG papers of January speak of the immigration boom for the season having already commenced.

THE New Era publishes advertisements of the Charlottetown land league. Loyalty sits lightly in that region.

Part of the C. P. R. now under contract in British Columbia will cost \$150,000 per mile. About sixty miles have been graded.

THERE is good authority for stating that the C.P.R. contractor has agreed for the delivery of 5,000 Chinese for use on the British Columbia section next summer. Where's Bunster now?

HUGH SUTHERLAND, Henry N. Ruttan, Amos Rowe and P. J. Brown, of Winnipeg, and Duncan McMillan, of London, apply for a charter as the Saskatchewan Transportation Co. Capital \$100,000.

SIR HUGH ALLAN, Andrew Allan, Knight, T. D. Milburne, C. Stinson and F. S. Stinson apply for incorporation as the "North-West Cattle Co." Capital \$150,000. Ranch in Bow River, head office in Montreal.

THE Applicants have advertised in United States papers for tenders for the construction of 500 miles of railroad next summer. The profiles will be shown at Chicago. No tenders are called for in Canada. Canada for the Canadians!

THE Herzegovinians, whose rebellion against Turkish misrule led to the late war between that country and Russia, and who have since been under the dominion of Austria, have rebelled against that power, also, and are making it hot for their rulers.

THE Herald speaks up on behalf of the officers and men at present in the Police force in case the strength is increased. It thinks the higher positions created should be filled by the promotion of the old hands instead by the appointment of inexperienced men.

THE Globe's correspondent in Ireland describes the condition of some of the people as so bad and poverty stricken that even if the rents were altogether abolished they would "have a continuous struggle for the poorest and barest existence." He also says that in many cases "the land in fee simple would be a dear bargain at the amount of the rent."

THE Manitoba papers raise a united howl over the disallowance of the Winnipeg South-eastern Railway charter by the Dominion Government. The Free Press demands that the Local Legislature enact the charter once more, while the Nelsonville Mountaineer thinks the Provincial Government should take the construction in hand as a public work and continue it until stopped by main force. This would be taking the bull by the horns, and should be done.

THERE is a dispute between the Province of Ontario and the Dominion Government in regard to the western boundary of that Province. A joint commission unanimously agreed that the western boundary should extend as far west as Rat Portage. The Dominion Government does not like to give up so much to Ontario and wishes to have the award set aside, while the Ontario Government demands what has been awarded to it. The Globe advises that the Ontario Government take and retain possession by force if necessary.

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## LOCAL.

The grist mills are still very busy.  
The Beaver River has been open all winter.  
The Masonic Lodge meets in McDougall's Hall.

Mr. D. Ross will ship coal to Battleford in the spring.

The school in the lower settlement has an average attendance of 16.

School was commenced again on Tuesday last, Mr. Langrell as teacher.

Seed barley is worth from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a bushel, and wheat from \$3 to \$4.

Mr. J. A. McDougall has sold his hall and grain warehouse to some Winnipeg parties.

Dance at Mr. K. Macdonald's on Wednesday night last, welcoming the bride to her new home.

A coal seam has been discovered at the mouth of Egg Lake Creek, near the Sturgeon River Mill.

The H.B.Co. store is being fitted up with new shelves and counters on the latest and most improved plan.

F. Wilson and D. M. McDougall met Donald McLeod's carts at the Red Deer River on Thursday of last week.

Lots on the H.B.Co. town site are worth at present from \$150 to \$300, according to location. Quite a rise from \$25.

Some of the vaccine matter received at the Indian agency here by last mail is being used successfully at St. Albert Mission.

It is said that orders have been received at the Indian agency here to stop issuing beef to the Indians. Rough on the beef contractors.

The wife of Mr. John Macnuley, of the H.B. Co., at Ft. Saskatchewan, has been suffering lately from a severe attack of bronchitis, but is now recovering.

The best wheat brought to the Edmonton Mill this season is from Mr. Steinhilber's farm, Whitefish Lake. Fifteen bags of it were brought in last Wednesday.

The subject of the next Sunday afternoon lecture, to be delivered by Rev. Canon Newton, in the school house, will be "Backbiting and Slander." All are cordially invited.

W. J. GRAHAM arrived from Beaver Lake on Tuesday last. He is well pleased with that country and will return in a few days to locate there, and W. H. Inglis will also locate there during the coming summer. There are only two or three settlers there yet but there is room for thousands.

GRAND wedding at Victoria on Friday of last week, Mr. W. Macdonald, of Edmonton, and Miss Rachael Favel, daughter of Mr. John Favel, pilot, of Victoria, being the contracting parties. The festivities, which were held at the residence of the bride's father, commenced on Wednesday evening as soon as the Edmonton party had arrived, and dancing was kept up until Thursday morning. It was commenced again at noon on the same day and continued until Friday morning. About 150 guests were present. The marriage ceremony was performed in the Methodist mission church by the Rev. J. A. McLachlan. Miss Elizabeth Macdonald, bridesmaid, and Mr. W. Rowland, groomsmen. The wedding party started for Edmonton and home on Saturday, arriving here on Monday.

JAS. CAMPBELL was arrested on Monday last on a charge of stealing a two-year old colt from C. Adams, of Sturgeon River, and selling the same to A. Lang, of Ft. Saskatchewan. He was brought to Edmonton for the preliminary examination, but the complainant had no witnesses here, so Campbell was taken to Ft. Saskatchewan, he being intended to hold the examination there. There was still a lack of witnesses on either one side or the other, and he was brought back to Edmonton on Friday. It seems that Campbell had bought T. Labelle's chances on a colt that had strayed away. Some time after, Campbell found a colt that answered the description of the one purchased by him, but was told by Sammy Arnot that it was not the colt. Campbell, however, brought the colt to Labelle, who said that it was his, so Campbell took it and shortly after sold it to Lang. The probability is that it was a case of mistaken identity on the part of Labelle.

SUMMER weather last Sunday.

The potato market now rests squarely on a basis of \$2 per bushel.

ACTION has been taken by A. W. Kippen and Jas. McDonald against J. M. Bannerman for arrest without due cause in the late prosecution of those concerned in the moving of the shanty. Damages laid at \$10,000 each.

In our report of the tariff changes last week we stated that the duty had been increased from the lowest rate mentioned to the highest. We should have said that it had been decreased from the higher to the lower rate.

WHAT effect the proposed change of the railway route will have on this part of the country is an important question to the people here. Our own opinion is that, although the immediate building of the road would cause this place to boom right along for a time, the evils resulting from the locking up of the land in the hands of the railroad company and the army of land sharks who would follow in their train would almost counter-balance, as far as the actual settler is concerned, the good the road would do. Let all parties bear in mind that settlements along the Saskatchewan are not so dependent on railroads for their existence as others which are destitute of water communication.

If the C.P.R. can be carried on a direct route through the Selkirk Mountains from the Kicking Horse Pass to the head of the South Thompson the total railroad distance from Winnipeg to the Pacific Ocean will be 130 miles shorter than by the Jasper Pass, and the maximum gradient will be eighty feet to the mile. Only two short tunnels will be necessary. So says Major Rodgers.

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NOTICE!

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What do you take me for? I claim no more than "all the laws allow me." This motto and the H.B.Co.'s line has always been my boundary. The Methodist Mission not being entitled to homestead any land is no new idea to me, and it takes quite a chunk of land on the hill to make up my whack. Seven years and four months of solid occupation should count.

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### BUFFALO.

At the present time a few scattered bands in the neighborhood of Wood mountains are all that remain of the vast herds of these wild cattle which once covered the prairies from the Saskatchewan to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Red and Mississippi rivers to the Rocky mountains. It is as hard to realize now that the buffalo were once so plentiful as it would have been twenty years ago to believe that in such a comparatively short space of time they would be almost extinct. Of course they were not equally numerous over the whole of this great territory. They seemed to go in vast herds, so that while millions of them might be in one particular district none would be found in others. As the herds were so large they were obliged to keep moving continually, for if they stayed any length of time in one place the ground would be stripped as bare as if a fire had run over it. In both summer and winter the great, bare plains were their home. It is true that a few were sometimes found in the woods bordering on the plains, but the main herds never left the open country. They were especially adapted for enduring the cold and storms of winter. While the horse, the ox and all other animals turn their heads from the storm the buffalo faces it. His head and fore quarters, which form the largest part of him, are protected by a heavy growth of shaggy hair or coarse wool, which, when turned towards the wind, shields the rest and more lightly covered portion of his body. Although unable to paw away the snow like the horse, the buffalo never fails to pick his own living in the winter, for the snow is never very deep on the plains and the crust is seldom so hard that he cannot break it with his nose. Like the horse, but unlike other horned cattle he does not require water in winter, and very little, and even that of a poor quality, answers his requirements in summer. It is a remarkable fact that on the plains, where alkali lakes abound, in which the water is bad enough to poison an ordinary ox, more old buffalo trails are found leading down to them than to adjacent fresh water ones.

That the buffalo is a valuable animal the fact of its rapid extinction clearly proves. The race has not perished from any lack of producing powers, or because their pasture grounds were brought under cultivation, or from any disease, but simply because they were so valuable and so easily slaughtered. The animal is as large as an ordinary ox while the meat is superior to beef, and in the form of pemmican gives a condensed food superior to any other article of condensed food known. The hide, whether as robe or leather, also finds a ready market. The slaughtering outfit consists merely of a smart saddle horse and a gun, an old fashioned double barreled flint lock being nearly as useful as the latest improved 16-shooter. As buffalo hunting was an occupation requiring very little capital to start in, and one that

combined sport and profit in a greater degree than perhaps any other, each year more and more people engaged in it, and as cow beef was more valuable than that of bulls it was chiefly the cows that were slaughtered, and besides as the cows could run the fastest it was considered more glory to kill them. The consequence was that not only were the herds gradually lessened in numbers but the reproductive power was reduced in a much greater ratio. At the time the law was passed by the North-West Council for the protection of the buffalo too much damage in this way had already been done even could the law have been enforced. What the total yearly value of the trade in robes and pemmican was cannot now be told, but those who have seen the army of traders camped near Winnipeg and the train after train of carts that came there every summer loaded down with robes, will have some idea of its vast proportions. In all probability the total trade in robes, leather, pemmican and fresh meat in the North-West alone amounted to nearly \$2,000,000 annually, while now although the country is still unoccupied the trade is simply nothing, and besides the Indians who caused the trade to be done and supported themselves on the product of it are reduced to a condition of abject poverty and have to be fed and clothed at the expense of the Government.

The country which was especially the home of the buffalo and in which they are now making their last stand—the centre of the great plains—is, generally speaking, unfit for any purpose except the pasturing of buffalo or horses. The climate is too dry, the soil too poor, water and wood too scarce to admit of it ever becoming a good agricultural country, while it is too far removed from the influence of the Chinook winds to allow of ordinary cattle wintering out in it, as they can nearer the mountains, and owing to the shortness of the grass, hay cannot be cut in the summer on which they could be wintered. Small, hardy horses, of course, would do well enough, but the market for that class of animals is too restricted to make the raising of them on a large scale a safe speculation. While the buffalo is the only animal that could be raised profitably and in unlimited numbers in that country it seems to prefer that place to any other, and now when a few are still there it would be good policy on the part of the Government to take steps towards finding out whether the domestication of the animal is possible or not. A number of calves could probably be caught this spring—the more the better—and distributed among the different government farms throughout the country so that the domesticating process could be carried on by different parties and in different ways at the same time. The habits of the animals could be observed and in a few years the buffalo might become as well known as the short horn. Experiments could also be made in crossing them with tame cattle and perhaps a breed might be got that would combine the hardiness and toughness of the buffalo with the strength and docility of the ox. It is not probable that a thoroughbred buffalo could ever be brought down to work like a common ox, but the band formerly owned by the Hon. Jas. McKay, of Winnipeg, gave ample proof that there was no difficulty in getting them a great deal tamer than an ordinary Texas steer. All that is necessary is that they become tame enough to be herded by men on horse-back, which is all that can be done with Montana cattle, and the general opinion is that they are neither as wild or vicious as those alleged tame cattle.

It is very certain that if the buffalo is not protected in its wild state, or else domesti-

cated, it will in a very short time become extinct, and if it does become extinct a large portion of the southern part of the territory must remain forever almost useless; but if on the other hand the buffalo can be propagated in sufficient numbers, every acre of that part will become valuable, the district will support a large population, and will contribute largely to the general trade of the Dominion, producing a valuable article of commerce which cannot be procured anywhere else. To bring this about, if possible, is the duty of the Government and the attempt to do so—to make a large part of the country productive which would otherwise be non-productive—would be a truly national policy.

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